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BLANCHARD LETTER SHOWS BUSINESS TRIPLES CAUSE

Lying in a pool of his own blood, the entire top of his head blown off by a ball from a big caliber rifle which he purchased Friday, the body of Dr. J. A. Blanchard, who registered from Shreveport, La., and who is believed to be a kinsman, perhaps a brother, of N. C. Blanchard, former governor of Louisiana, was found in his room at the Hotel Chisca Saturday morning just after 10 o'clock. He had been dead several hours when his body was discovered by a chambermaid.

Conditions in the room pointed plainly to suicide. But in a letter which Dr. Blanchard had made mysterious hints of a big business deal in which he was involved, and in which he warned that if anything happened to him, no matter how it looked, the two men in the deal with him would be responsible and would explain.

"They either are the two finest men ever met, or they are the most unscrupulous scoundrels then they are the latter, they would not stop at murder," Dr. Blanchard wrote in the letter, which was placed in a stamped envelope addressed to "Gov. N. C. Blanchard, Hotel Nueces, Corpus Christi, Tex."

Dr. Blanchard registered at the Hotel Chisca from Shreveport, La. He was seen about 4 o'clock Friday night, when he got the key from the desk and went to his room on the second floor.

Ex-Governor Notified.
The "Gov. N. C. Blanchard," to whom the letter is addressed, is believed by police to be Newton Crain Blanchard, a telegraph company executive. Whether or not Dr. Blanchard is related to him was not stated in the letter. A telegram was sent to the Texas state capital, by order of Detective Chief Gwaltney.

They found the body on the floor, a bullet hole in the left temple. A 344 bullet fired from a Winchester rifle had torn clear through the head, spreading as it left the back, right side of the skull, and tearing out a large piece of the left bone. The bullet went into the wall, where they found it.

Used Powerful Rifle.
Dr. Blanchard, if the case is a suicide as it looks, had rigged an ingenious arrangement on his dresser for aiming his rifle. The rifle was about 30 inches long. He had taken a handkerchief and knotted it in loop form on a dresser. The stock of the rifle had been placed in the loop, which served in lieu of a shoulder rest. The weapon then he stood before the mirror to get proper aim. The condition of the body indicated that the shot was fired while he was standing.

Big Deal Hinted.
Two telegrams, which may have related to the mysterious "deal" which Dr. Blanchard was making, were received from first, from Charlottesville, Va., said "Sold property. Received party suit. Demand party suit. Will give party suit. It was signed 'Jameson'."

The second telegram, dated Jacksonville, Fla., read in my way to Atlanta. Will be delayed by a few days. Have wired Jameson and Gilman to wire me this. This telegram was signed "J. C."

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